

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-15 remain in this application. Claims 6, 10-12 and 15 have been withdrawn.

In the Office action mailed December 15, 2006 the Examiner required restriction between the species shown in Figure 3 (Group I), the species shown in Figure 4 (Group II), the species shown in Figure 5 (Group III), the species shown in Figure 6 (Group IV) and the species shown in Figure 7 (Group V).

Responsive thereto, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, without traverse and without prejudice to, inter alia, Applicants' right to pursue the withdrawn claims, as well as further claims to a genus or species, in a divisional application.

Claims 1 and 7 and Claim 3 remain as generic. Claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 13 and 14 remain in the application as directed to Group I. Claim 10 is withdrawn as directed to Groups II and IV. Claims 6 and 15 are withdrawn as directed to Group III. Claim 11 is withdrawn as directed to Group IV. Claim 12 is withdrawn as directed to Group V.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for consideration by the Examiner. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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